



DOKTORANDKÅREN
MALMÖ

Doctoral Student Union Malmö

DSU Board Meeting Protocol

Location: Kårhuset, Norra Neptunigatan 5 (at the reception)

Date: 28th of august 2014

Time: 9.00 – 12.00

1. Chairwoman (Susan Lindholm) opens the meeting
2. Appointment of meeting officials
 - a. Election of adjustment person (Margareta Serder)
 - b. Election of secretary (Malin Mc Glinn)
3. Information
 - a) The board welcomes new board member Erliza Lopes Pedersen who replaces Åsa Ståhl. Erliza is a doctoral student at the department of K3, Faculty of Culture and Society. A mail will be sent out to all DSU members, introducing Erliza formally.
 - b) Erliza informs the DSU board that Eric Snodgrass, doctoral student at K3, will be representing fellow doctoral students within the department in "Handledarkollegiet" (HK). Previously there has been no link between HK and the students.
 - c) Upcoming meetings/presentations during fall semester 2014: Susan and Malin will be meeting new doctoral students on the 23rd of September as part of the introduction day. Susan will be attending a retreat for the University Board on the 25-26th of September.
 - d) Meeting with BIT: Susan has had a meeting with representatives from BIT (the University library- and IT-department). They are very open to working with the DSU on issues concerning doctoral students, and they have suggested that one representative from the DSU becomes a member of the BIT-council. Susan will ask DSU members Steve Dahlskog and/or Fredrik Ohlin (TS) if one of them could consider filling the spot. Contact person at BIT is Peter Nilsson. Sara Källgren (also a BIT-employee) will send "5 tips for doctoral students" to Susan, who will post them on the DSU website.
 - e) Status mentorship program: In June, Margareta and Susan had a meeting with Magnus Lindqvist who works for the Malmö University-based organization called "Alumni & vänner" (Alumni and friends). The idea is that he should help

doctoral students get mentorship from former doctoral students, and also help students to establish contacts on the 'outside'. Susan and Margareta have supplied Magnus with a text to be sent to doctoral students but so far nothing has happened.

- f) Status of statutes: the Swedish version of the statutes are done. However, before being translated into English, they need to be audited by the MU legal counselor. The translation will be done by a certified translator. Once this is done, Susan will post them on the DSU website.
- g) Status of our members: Despite having talked to Maria Dahlberg as well as faculty based research coordinators on numerous occasions, there is still a problem getting access to updated and accurate lists of doctoral students at MU. We all need to look at the current list (which will be composed by Banafsheh) and report back to her if we notice any mistakes. LS has the highest number of members (29) and OD has the lowest percentage (11 out of 57). Banafsheh will send out a mail to remind doctoral students to pay the membership fee for the autumn semester.
- h) Doktorandkollegier (Doctoral collegiums): In line with the activity plan 2014, the main goal for the autumn semester is to start building doctoral collegiums at each faculty. Since TS only has 5 doctoral students, it is decided that KS and TS will have a joint collegium. Erliza is the chairwoman at KS/TS, Margareta at LS, and Liv Kroona at OD. Margareta will contact Mika Andersson and Manne Gerell at HS and ask if one of them would consider taking on the responsibility there. It is the wish of the DSU Board that all faculties schedule the first meeting within the next couple of months.

4. Discussion

a) Doktorandombudsmannen: Susan and Margareta inform the board about meeting Alexandra Popovic, 'doktorandombudsman' at Lund University. Alexandra has extended experience of issues concerning doctoral students and doctoral education and the DSU board decides to initiate a meeting with her. Hopefully, Alexandra can guide us in our work and the meeting can be a first step towards working closer with Lund. Susan will contact her and set up a date¹.

One of the points raised by Alexandra (and also by the DSU board) is what the consequences are of having so many different kinds of doctoral students (funded by the state, connected to specific projects, licentiate etc). Susan and Malin will bring this issue up at the next meeting with Forskningsberedningen and try to get statistics from Peter Jönsson.

b) "Studenthandboken": Malin informs the board about her experiences of being involved in the work with Studenthandboken at KS. Studenthandboken is a step in the right direction but there is still a lot to be done, especially in relation to so-called internationalization. It is decided that Banafsheh will send out a survey to all international students, encouraging them to share their experiences of coming to Malmö University. The answers can be useful both in the on-going evaluation

¹ After the board meeting Susan scheduled a meeting with her on the 30th of September.



process, and in further discussions about how to make MU a good place of work and research for international, as well as national, doctoral students.

5. Other questions

a) New DSU representative to "Kvalitetsutvärdering" (Margareta): Malin volunteers to be the DSU representative in the evaluation of TS. The first report will be handed out on the 15th of December. The hearing will be held on the 11th of February. Julia Davis (OD) is head of the evaluation committee.

b) Lönetrappan (mail from Maria Rubin): Susan and Malin will ask of Hans Lindquist and Peter Jönsson to specify a) who decides when the doctoral student can be said to have completed 50% b) what the 50% is assessed by (written text, courses etc) and c) when the 50% pay rise starts.

c) Questionnaire for non-Swedish speaking students (mail from Ioanna Tsoni): see 4b.

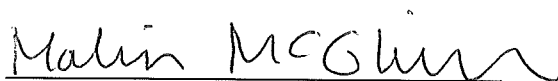
d) New discussion point - "Trygghetsavtalet": It is decided that the DSU Board will continue to work with issues concerning 'trygghetsavtalet', despite the fact that the central administration at MU has left it unquestioned. A first step is to bring the issue up in Forskningsberedningen and then, if nothing happens, the DSU board will make an official statement that will be sent to all levels of the MU administration (faculty and central).

6. Next board meeting: The next meeting will be held on the 30th of September. Alexandra Popovic (see 4a) will be attending this meeting.

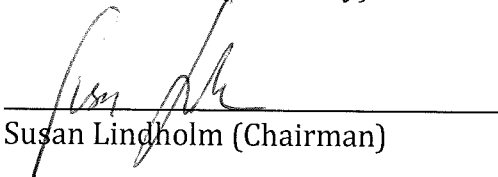
7. Meeting adjourned



Margareta Serder (Adjustment)



Malin Mc Glinn (Secretary)



Susan Lindholm (Chairman)